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EDITORIAL

October 21, 1982, is the fourth anniversary of the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history. Four years have expired without a trace of the blue and white Cessna 182 and pilot Frederick Valentich, who disappeared during an encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object while flying over Bass Strait on a flight to King Island.

On April 27th, 1982, an official report was released concerning this mysterious incident which stated "The reason for the disappearance of the aircraft has not been determined".

This encounter is an example where not only the pilot reported the approach and description of a UFO, as long as he could be heard, but hundreds of people reported dozens of UFOs during that same day and night. Many of these sightings occurred at the same time the pilot was describing his encounter.

Civil and military officials cannot be blamed altogether for ignoring the UFO evidence. Time and time again the scientific community has been called on for assistance to solve the UFO mystery only to dispatch the same ole slogan - "There is no such thing as an unidentified flying object"

Thus, the "conclusion" is "probably" a flying accident attributed to an unknown cause.

OCTOBER 30th.

V.U.F.O.R.S. will hold an EXHIBITION of U.F.O.- related material in the form of photographs, case histories, latest trends in international U.F.O. research etc. in the Supper Room of the Royal Society of Victoria, 9 Victoria Street, on Saturday, 30th October, commencing at 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We believe the display will be of great interest to anyone with a healthy curiosity concerning unidentified flying objects.

Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and discuss various aspects of ufology.

One of my most interesting visits during 1981 was with Betty Hill, regarded by some researchers as the "Queen of the Abductees". I first met Betty during June in Cleveland, Ohio, and accepted, with pleasure, an invitation to visit her later that year when I was scheduled to be in the eastern states on the UFO trail.

On July 18th I arrived at the quaint little city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where I was driven to her home for a three day visit.

The entire time was filled with interest. Betty is a very fascinating and friendly person. Not only did I learn new details of her "capture" but it soon became apparent that individuals were reporting strange experiences to Betty that they would be reluctant to report to others.

One of the highlights of the visit was confirmation that the air force had indeed detected a UFO on radar, that same night, and in the same area where she and Barney had their frightening experience. Details of the radar report were not known to her until ten years later; it was secured by none other than Professor McDonald. He had found the report while searching the air-force files and had given Betty a photo copy one night when they appeared together on a T.V. programme.

Curiosity demanded a trip to "her area" - a vicinity about 15 miles from Portland. The location is her favorite spot where she spends many hours watching for UFOs.

Betty has been accused of seeing too many UFO's. So has Dr. Harley Rutledge, who claims to have conducted the first scientific field study of UFO Phenomena. But how many hours have the critics spent searching for UFOs?

Mrs. Hill told of one incident when a journalist accompanied her to the site for the purpose of doing a story on her efforts to sight UFOs. Suddenly, one dived out of the clouds and made a close pass at him. The startled journalist forgot all about his camera. His reaction was "Let's get out of here" as he dashed for his car.

Betty spoke of the manner in which Carl Sagan tried to discredit her on his programme "Cosmos". She did not know where he got the story but it was fabricated. He did not have anything correct, even the weather... a simple matter which could be checked out from a meteorological chart. But because of Sagan's reputation in the field of radio astronomy, many people will swallow his version hook, line and sinker, regardless of what he says.

One need not try to search for a subconscious cord to determine one of the reasons for his anti-UFO persuasion. His motive lies closer to the surface level of the conscious mind, namely vested interest. With UFO's landing worldwide, what is the need for his search for life elsewhere. What would happen to his funds?

Yet Sagan's attitude is that before aliens land on earth they must receive landing instructions through his radio telescope before doing so! ...and must be in touch with the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be advised on the best method to land on earth!

Another critic is Philip Klass who accused the Hills of fabricating the story for the purpose of making money. Betty Hill has made no money. But after asking Klass a few questions she learned that he was making money himself from his UFO debunking book which falls far short of explaining UFOs.

Betty mentioned other critics who are too frightened to look for UFOs. She quipped "If they don't know anything about UFOs, that's their problem, not mine".

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A RECENT SIGHTING UP COUNTRY.

Mrs. A.S. reported to this Society that on Saturday, 10th July 1982 at approx. 6.45 - 7 am while travelling on the Ballarat Rd at Rockbank with her son and her mother, they observed a bright white light in the distance slightly to the right of the highway.

The car was travelling in a westerly direction away from the city. Mrs. S. stopped the car when opposite the source of the light and was amazed at what she saw.

The object was cigar shaped, the size of a semi-trailer, hovering approx. 200' off the ground and 100' back off the highway. Green pulsating portholes surrounded the middle of the UFO with green flashes of light spraying out from underneath it.

The observation lasted only one minute as Mrs. S. decided to leave the area. The following two days Mrs. S. stated she felt unusually tired and her son was suffering from headaches.

The car radio was not on at the time and no electrical faults in the car were detected. I have since checked the area of the sighting over, but nothing was discovered. Two farm houses in the immediate area were visited but without any results. P. GILDEA

(Sketch of the UFO seen by Mrs. S. on next page.....)

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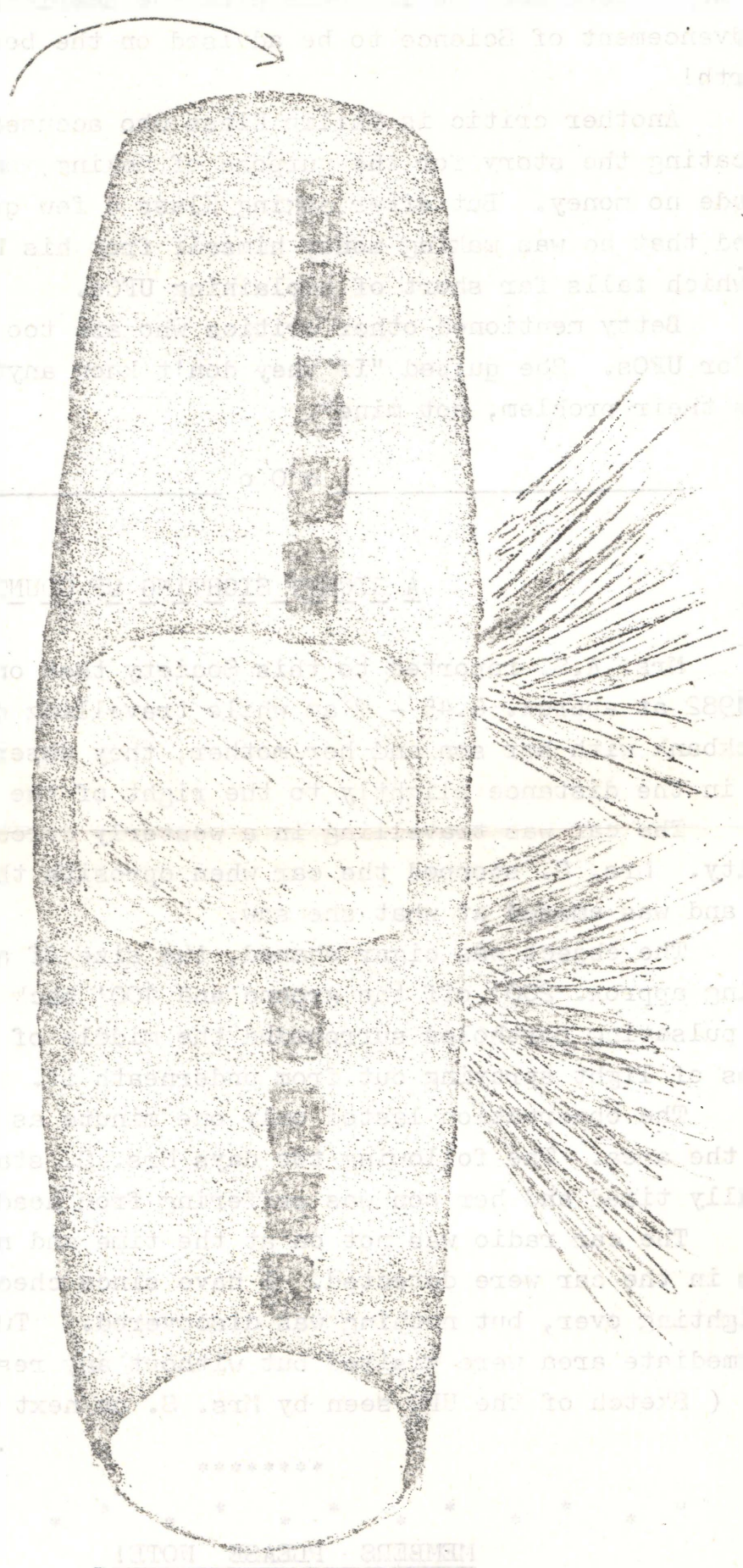
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BRIGHT LIGHT FIRST SEEN
FROM DISTANCE, WHICH
WE DROVE UP TO.

10TH JULY 1982
APPROXIMATE TIME: 6.45 AM TO 7 AM

DULL LIGHT



DEER PARK

MELTON.

STAR MAP HYPOTHESIS STILL VIABLE

by Louis Winkler, PhD
(Department of Astronomy,
Pennsylvania State Univ.)

Credit: THE MUFON
UFO JOURNAL,
No. 169. March 1982.

Many UFOlogists, including Friedman (1973) and Dickinson (1974, 1980), have considered Marjorie Fish's interpretation of Betty Hill's star map as a working hypothesis, that the stars Zeta 1 and 2 Reticuli might be a home base for extraterrestrials. But many skeptics, including Menzel (1977) and Sagan (1980) consider the reported CE-III of Barney and Betty Hill a psychological event and even reject the similarity between the Fish and the Hill map.

Statistical computations made by each side regarding the degree to which the two maps agree in appearance is dramatically different. Unfortunately this difference can not be resolved because the size of the statistical cells about the stars employed in the underlying Bernoulli mathematics can not be agreed upon. The protagonists insist on small cells making it highly improbable that random patterns can duplicate the Hill map, while antagonists insist on large cells making it easy for random patterns to duplicate the Hill map.

Recently, however, new rejections of the Fish hypothesis have appeared in *Frontiers of Science* (1981) and in statements by Dickinson (1981), Hendry (1981, 1982) and Crain (1981). These reactions are based on observations of Zeta 1 and 2 by Bonneau *et al*

(1981) and DaSilva and Foy (1980). Arguments here are to the effect that Zeta 1 and/or Zeta 2 are binary in nature and therefore violate Fish's criteria for selection. She only considered those single stars which have solar-like designations. Lower mass stars and double stars were rejected because it didn't seem likely that these objects could evolve life as we know it. The argument against the Fish map further proceeds that if Zeta 1 or 2 were binary, Betty Hill would have drawn it that way, and since she didn't it doesn't represent the Reticulum portion of the sky. The above grounds for rejection of the Fish hypothesis is both premature and too severe.

The double nature of Zeta 2 as determined by Bonneau is only a marginal result with the relatively new technique of speckle interferometry. Although the European Southern Observatory's 3.6 meter telescope was used the separation for the supposed companions of Zeta 2 was measured as 0."046 which is just slightly above the limiting diffraction resolution of the telescope which Bonneau indicates is 0."038. That these results are at the limit of the capabilities of the instrumentation can be seen from the fact that Bonneau experienced seeing of 1."5 to 5", which is two orders of magnitude greater than his results. There is no doubt about the validity of Bonneau's measurements in general because he duplicates results established by other means, but it just happens that Zeta 2 is a marginal, limiting case. The case for Zeta 1 being double is even weaker because Bonneau could not resolve it with speckle interferometry, and DaSilva and Foy only suspected it being double from high dispersion spectra.

The observations of Zeta 1 and 2 by Bonneau, and DaSilva and Foy are

not unique in their preliminary character. In fact this is often the case because the stars are a good number of light years away and the provisional nature of the parameters of many nearby stars is evident when a variety of star catalogs are examined. When Fish first started to match catalog stars with the Hill map she was unable to find a criterion for a satisfactory match. But when the Gliese (1969) catalog was later published more stars were included and a match was found. Another example of the provisional nature of fundamental parameters pertaining to Zeta 1 and 2 is found in their parallaxes. If three catalogs are chosen at random we see about a 30% variation in their distances as shown in the accompanying table.

A third example of uncertainties concerns the double nature of Zeta 2. Although Bonneau resolved Zeta 2 one year, he found that he could not repeat the measurement the following year. While it is remotely possible that these differences in resolution could be caused by a highly eccentric orbit, the double nature of Zeta 2 probably would have been discovered during astrometric programs because the separation of the components is at least 50% of its parallax value.

Because Betty only drew her map two years after the reported encounter, inaccuracies should be expected in relative positions and numbers of stars where close binaries are involved. If inaccuracies are acceptable in Betty's representation of positions, then it should be acceptable in the representations of binaries. The fact that Fish's final criterion is violated is immaterial since resemblances of the two maps are based on the positions of single and binary

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Members may wish to note that the book entitled "The Interrupted Journey" by John G. Fuller about the Betty & Barney Hill case is again available through bookshops for \$3.95.

"The Roswell Incident" is now available in paperback, published by Granada at A.R.R.P. of \$4.95.

This book by Charles Berlitz and William Moore (authors of *The Bermuda Triangle* and *The Philadelphia Experiment*) is about a UFO crash in New Mexico in 1947, and the possibility that extra-terrestrials were captured (one alive) by the U.S. military. This book, like the "Philadelphia Experiment" is a must for the bookshelf of all serious UFOlogists.

Star Map, Continued

stars. So if Zeta 2 or 1 or any number of the stars of the Fish map are merely proven to be double it still is not necessarily a reason to reject the Fish hypothesis. In fact it will not be possible to make well-founded claims for or against the existence of regions of stability or habitability for any attendant planets of the binaries until some precision is achieved in determining masses, orbital parameters, spectral types, and parallaxes.

In any event, the profoundly important question as to whether we have been visited by extraterrestrials deserves more care in answering than has been exhibited with the Reticulum region of the sky. This is especially the case with Hendry's articles since they are so poorly thought out. In addition to Friedman's (1981) criticisms, Hendry also makes other fundamental errors. He seems to think he knows how long it takes for the evolution of advanced intelligence to take place and even under what chemical circumstances. To say the least, modern science is a long way from understanding the

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		Gliese(1957)	Jenkins(1963)	Gliese(1969)
Zeta 1		0."079	0.106	0.089
Zeta 2		0.074	0.097	0.089

geophysical circumstances under which this biochemical sequence proceeds.

In conclusion, either full acceptance or rejection of the Fish hypothesis is premature. While it is difficult to do, we must be patient and view the data only as a working hypothesis until much more definitive data are accumulated.

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AND... BETTY HILL IS STILL BUSY ON BEHALF OF THE UFO'S

The story of Betty and Barney Hill is well known to most UFO researchers. I believe it to be the first abduction case to hit the headlines.

Betty is obviously still very interested in the subject. She is a widow now - Barney having died in 1969 - and lectures on her fascinating experience tho' at the time it was more frightening than anything else. Sunday morning is a very special time as she holds "open house" and breakfast for officers of a nearby air force base to discuss UFO's and affiliated subjects.

In an interview in the *National Enquirer* - Oct. 6th, 1981, she told how a pair of ear-rings she had lost aboard the UFO had mysteriously been returned to her on a small pile of leaves in the middle of her kitchen table... How a UFO was seen to hover over Barney's grave as told to her by some student witnesses and how in Jan.'78 her life was saved by a UFO. As she was edging her car across a railroad track during a particularly heavy snowstorm, a small black UFO with a colored pulsating light, flew towards her, startling her and causing her to stop the car abruptly. Seconds later, a train roared past narrowly missing her.

After those interesting comments from Betty it may be comforting to learn from her that "the Aliens are still among us - I've seen hundreds of UFO's - soon they'll make their presence known to great numbers of people all at once and in many places".

Her last sighting was in Aug. 1980 when she saw three beings emerge from a UFO which had landed near a highway. She turned to look at them and her arm made contact with the car horn at which they "disappeared".

...information from "National Enquirer" Oct.6,1981

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"A CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN QUEENSLAND".

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Australian reports of close encounters of the third kind are few and far between and it was therefore with a great deal of interest that , V.U.F.O.R.S. obtained such a report dating back to 1956.

The witness, a Miss L. , was living on a farm near Hughenden in central Queensland. She was 12 years old when this remarkable incident , occurred in late 1956.

As she recalls, it was about 4.30 one afternoon when she was walking across a small paddock at the farm. The weather was fine, the terrain flat and open and there was no hint of trouble.

Suddenly she heard what sounded like the soft hum of a vacuum cleaner and she felt some kind of force across her shoulders and down her back. She then realised that she was being lifted from the ground and tried to see , what was above her. In doing so she fainted.

When she came to she found herself in a large room and in the , company of two men who were dressed in garments resembling silver-white ski suits. The men had their backs turned towards her and were operating a panel which faced a screen on the wall. On this appeared in full colour the outline of a galaxy , possibly ANDROMEDA?

The men made no attempt to communicate with Miss L, who began to study her surroundings. The room was unfurnished and she noted that the floor appeared to be made of a substance comparable to thick frosted glass. The colouring of the room, with the exception of one wall, which was jet black, varied between light tan and mauve-white.

To one side there was an arched doorway approximately 3 meters high, leading into a corridor. Miss L, observed that the floor, walls and ceiling seemed to be moulded together as there were no apparent joins. The porthole like windows along one wall appeared to be constructed of a dark , highly polished glass.

As Miss L , contemplated her unusual surroundings she felt an enormous pressure on her head and back. She lost consciousness. The next thing she knew was that she was back at the farm but in a different paddock. Hovering approximately 6 metres above her was a huge saucer shaped craft , which she estimates to have had a diameter of least 80 metres. The UFO moved slowly at first with a bouncing movement, as if it were on a cushion of air.

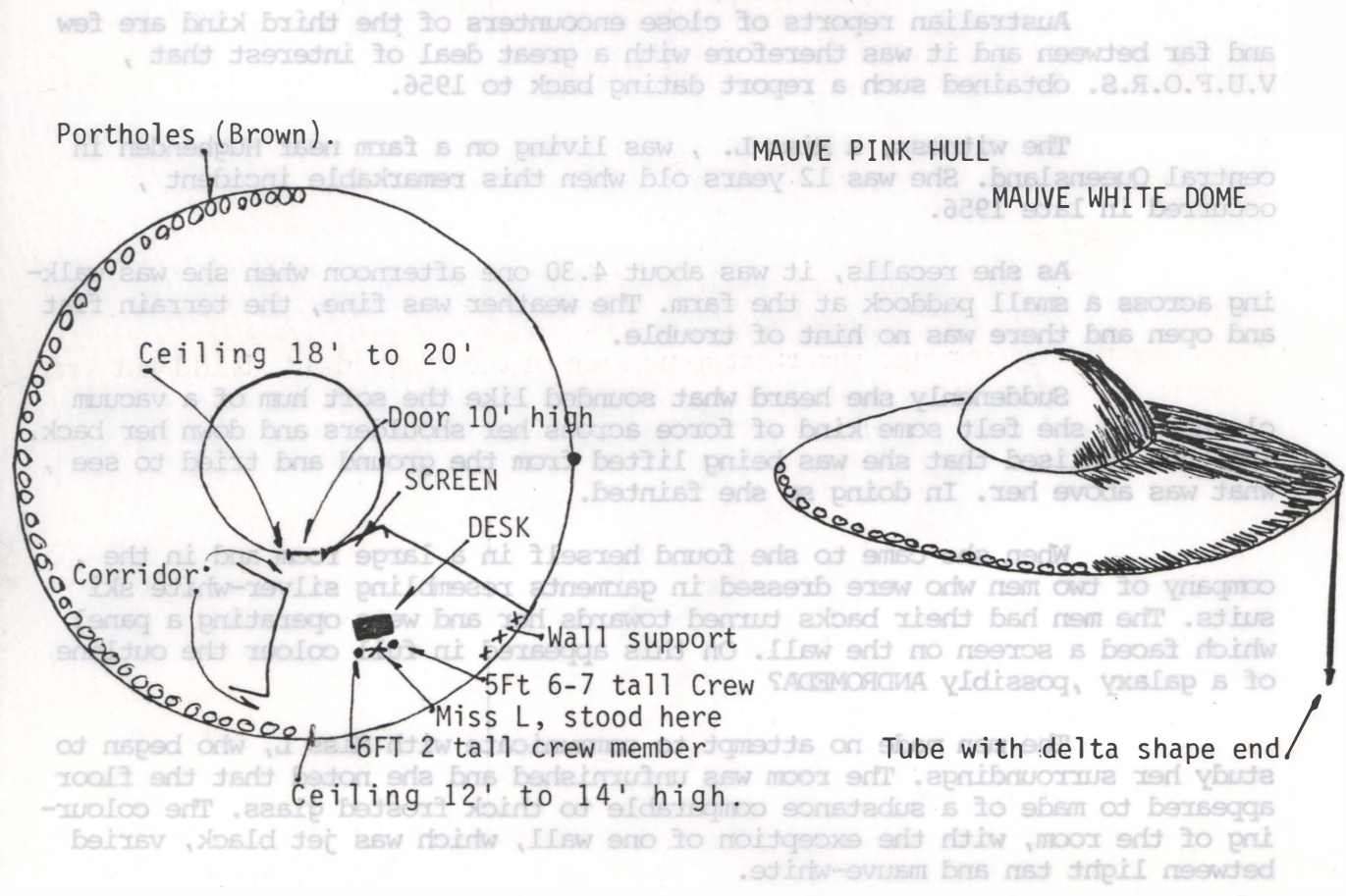
Miss L, began to move towards the farmhouse when a violent and ringing sound deafened her. She turned back to see the UFO rapidly ascending towards an extensive bank of clouds in the west. On her return to the farmhouse she realised that 2 hours had elapsed since she encountered the UFO. She was shaken by the incident but was not inclined to discuss it with anyone, particularly as there was no other witness to the event.

At about 9.30 that evening storm clouds had gathered and Miss L, together with her parents and brother stood on the verandah and watched an amazing display of lightning which included an extraordinary blue flash which was unusually prolonged. Miss L, believes that this phenomenon was somehow connected with the UFO.

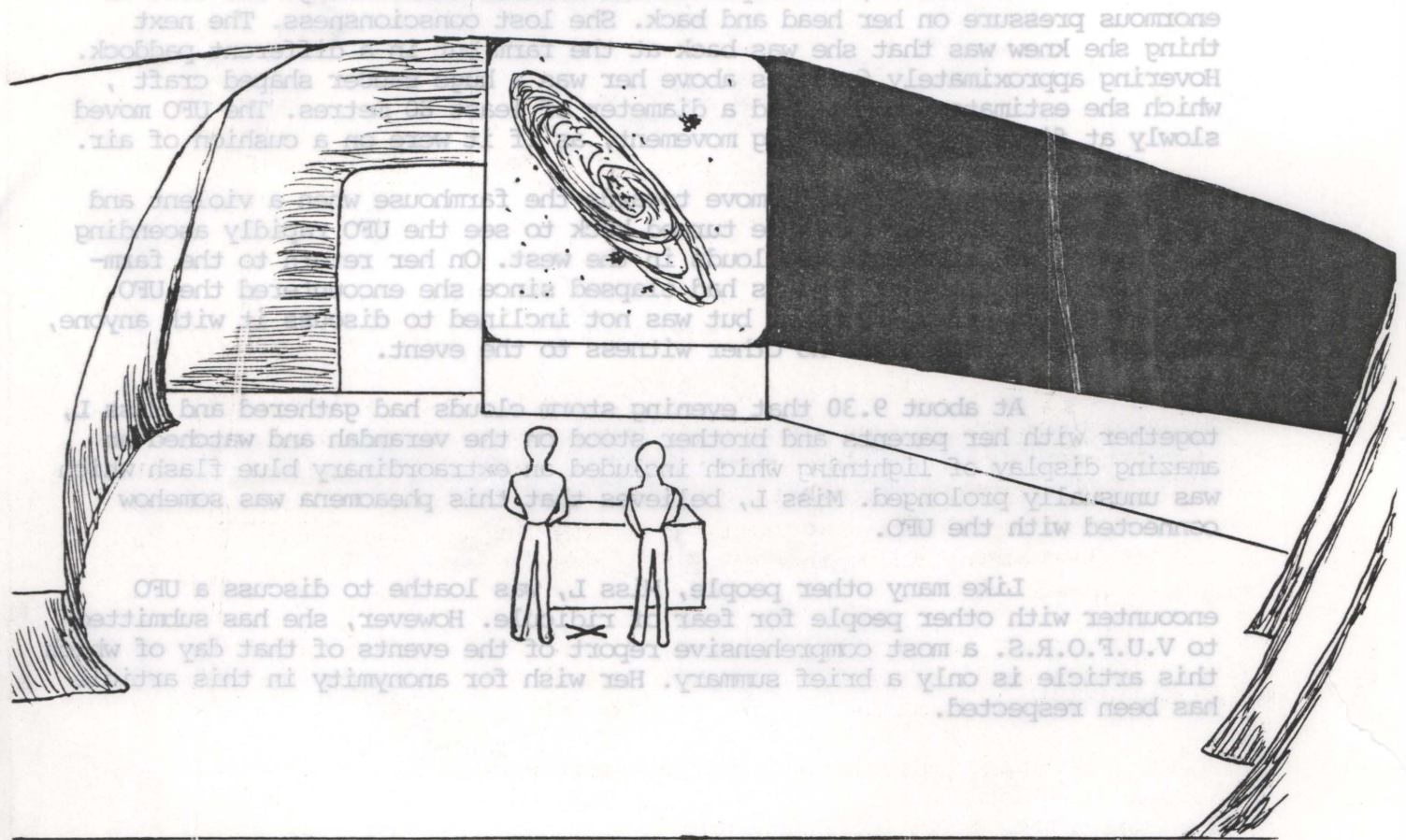
Like many other people, Miss L, was loathe to discuss a UFO encounter with other people for fear of ridicule. However, she has submitted to V.U.F.O.R.S. a most comprehensive report of the events of that day of which this article is only a brief summary. Her wish for anonymity in this article has been respected.

" THE U.F.O. CRAFT, ENCOUNTER LATE 1956 "

HUGHENDEN N-W QUEENSLAND.



" INTERIOR VIEW "



"THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY" by JOHN G. FULLER, 1966.

Book No. E. 28 302 Pages; 4 Photographic pages.

It was the night of Sept. 19th, 1961; Betty and Barney Hill had begun their drive from the Canadian border down U.S. 3 through the White Mountains on their way home to Portsmouth, north of Boston. It was a brilliant, cloudless night; the car was running smoothly through the night air and all was well and quiet. Betty, an intent sightseer, enjoyed the brilliance of the moon and the many reflections and shadows on the mountain range road.

Suddenly, she noticed an object like a star or planet, but curiously, the bright object appeared to be getting larger and larger. Finally, Betty pointed out the object to Barney through the right hand side of the windshield. It did not seem particularly unusual; it was quite a distance out and looked like a star in motion. They drove on but the object stayed with them, disappearing & reappearing behind trees and mountain tops. Delsey, their dachshund dog, was slightly restless and it seemed a good time to stop to rest and try and get an unobstructed view of the bright object. They finally stopped & Betty and Delsey were soon joined on the road by Barney, who had brought his binoculars.

Betty focused on the object and was amazed to see that the object was solid. Barney soon confirmed this but indicated that it looked like an aircraft with no wings; cigar shaped, moving one minute fast & the next slow. There was no sound. They decided to move on; besides the dog was now whining and cowering and although he did not mention it to Betty, Barney was now afraid. They drove off towards Cannon Mountain. Barney's concern was soon placed on a car coming around a blind curve up ahead. As the object moved almost directly ahead of them on the road, it was now only a few hundred feet up and very large.

The object stopped and was glowing white; its presence made the car vibrate. With the binoculars Betty was able to see a row of windows. In amazement Barney stopped the car in the centre of the road and got out to view the object with the binoculars. Both were gripped with fear & emotion but for some reason Barney found himself moving across the road & then a field towards the object as Betty frantically called him to stop and come back.

On reaching the field Barney placed the binoculars up to his eyes & stopped. He could see behind the windows no less than 6 beings. Now on the fringe of hysteria Barney ran back to the car, both got in & drove quickly off. The object was out of view but Barney was sure it had swung above them when suddenly a beeping sound was heard by both. Each began to feel a drowsiness come over them. Some time later they both heard the sound again but as they became conscious they discovered that they were still in the car moving down the road. Yet all was quiet, they were both silent and numb. Not long after entering the highway Betty suddenly snapped out of her semi-wakefulness & pointed to a sign on the roadside reading "Concord 17 miles". Impossible though it seemed. Finally home, they looked at their watches but both had stopped. They were too tired to care and both were soon asleep.

On December 14th, 1963, Barney presented himself at the office of psychiatrist Benjamin Simon. Barney & Betty seemed to be constantly hounded by a nagging anxiety, centering around this lost period of their lives; a feeling that something had occurred, but what? From that point on under Time-regression hypnosis, both gave identical accounts of an amazing encounter with alien humanoids on a UFO that took place that night in their "Two missing hours of their lives". 'The Interrupted Journey' tells in great detail about this encounter & records in full transcript what Benj. Simon was able to record on tape, while Barney & Betty were hypnotized. Their encounter is now regarded as a classic example, & one that is very exciting to read. I think the last lines of the book sum up what Betty & Barney Hill had to go through to give their story to the world "Maybe wildest dreams are but the needful prelude of the truth" - Tennyson.

This is a 4 Star book.

UFO cases reviewed at MUFON

By Hal McKenzie
NEWS WORLD STAFF

Speakers at the Mutual UFO Network's 13th annual symposium in Toronto last weekend presented updates on three of the most astounding UFO cases in recent years: the close encounter in Texas from which two women and a boy are still suffering radiation sickness; the strange disappearance of a pilot and his plane off the coast of Australia following a chase by a UFO; and the ongoing mystery of crashed flying saucers and the bodies of their occupants believed to be still stored by the government in secret laboratories.

Other speakers presented evidence which may turn some UFOs into IFOs (identified flying objects). A husband-wife team showed evidence connecting UFOs and paranormal phenomena such as poltergeists and "ghost lights" seen and photographed by psychic researchers. And a scientist presented his theory that many of the "nocturnal lights" taken for UFOs — and even many stories of abductions and close encounters — may be caused by electrical charges generated by strains in the earth's crust.

Witnesses to UFO crash

William L. Moore, introduced as "the only best-selling author devoted to UFO research," said that he had interviewed 85 witnesses who gave corroborating testimony of a crash of a UFO on July 2, 1947, near Roswell, New Mexico and the recovery of wreckage and alien bodies. He said 28 of the 85 were first-hand witnesses.

The entire story is presented in Moore's book "The Roswell Incident" (Grosset & Dunlap, New York). Moore is working on another book due to be published in a few months entitled "The Roswell Evidence."

Moore pointed out that evidence of the sort he has gathered would be enough to convict a bank robber or a murderer in a court of law, but when it comes to UFOs, even "extraordinary proof" is insufficient to convince the sceptics. He mentioned that documentary evidence of the incident is also available, including a press release put out by an Army public relations man at the time admitting to the retrieval of the "flying disc." The story was soon quashed, however, by higher officials who spread the story that the wreckage was that of a "weather balloon."

Moore said that most of the witnesses he interviewed gave their names and signed sworn affidavits, unlike other authors whose crash-retrieval stories are based on "anonymous informants." He said that a TV reporter from Albuquerque who did his own Roswell investigation totally independent of Moore arrived at the same conclusions.

"I have come to believe, based on the mounting quantity and quality of evidence, that the recovery of a crashed UFOs and bodies of their occupants was the stimulus for subsequent U.S. policy on how they would handle UFOs," Moore said. He said the crash quickly came under the direct jurisdiction of President Truman who then formed a "high level project, parts of which may still be intact" under secrecy even tighter than that for the H-bomb under development at the time. He quoted documents recently released under the Freedom of Information Act hinting that the government's interest in UFOs, as well as the tight secrecy surrounding UFO evidence, continues

Moore said. He quoted the document as saying: "The official U.S. government policy (on UFOs) and the results of project (censored)... is still classified Top Secret outside official government channels with access limited to (censored)."

Close encounter in Texas

Another UFO incident with overtones of government cover-up was detailed by John Scheussler, a NASA scientist who has been investigating the close encounter experienced by Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby Landrum in Texas on Dec. 29, 1980. Scheussler, who is deputy director of MUFON and heads up his UFO research group called Project VISIT, has been heading up the investigation of the incident which caused lingering ailments similar to radiation poisoning to the three witnesses. They also claim to have seen about 23 helicopters flying around the fiery, brilliant UFO which hovered over the lonely road down which they were driving that night.

After recounting the story, which has been dramatized on TV's "That's Incredible" and "Real People," Scheussler gave an update on the health problems still suffered by the three witnesses, as well as his efforts to track down the source of the helicopters. He said that Betty and Vicki still suffer ill effects, especially failing eyesight, from the encounter. But the most tragic victim is nine-year-old Colby.

"Colby was a very bright and active young boy, typical of his age," Scheussler said. "But he has lost weight, is listless, and drinks literally gallons of water each day... He lost control of his bowels and has to wear pampers... He is also prone to fevers, is susceptible to infections, boils, has severe leg pains. His eyesight has deteriorated to the point that he has to wear glasses and has experienced a tremendous increase in tooth decay."

As for the helicopters, he said that Vicki Landrum met a helicopter pilot who had landed his Chinook helicopter — similar to those she had seen near the UFO — in the town for a Fourth of July display. Without identifying herself, she asked him what he was doing on the night of the close encounter. He said he had been "called out for a UFO." Elated, she cried out, "I'm the woman that got burned," but after that he refused to talk to her.

Later, Scheussler tracked down the pilot and questioned him about what Ms. Landrum had said. The pilot vehemently denied it.

Scheussler mentioned other cases in which people have been burned by UFOs, such as Steven Michelak who suffered a burn mark in the form of a grid pattern of dots on his chest. Michelak claimed to have touched a UFO which was so hot that it burned his glove. The burn pattern on his chest was consistent with a sort of grating he said appeared on the side of the UFO.

Pilot disappears with plane

Paul Norman, a native of Tennessee now residing in Australia, told of his investigation into the disappearance of Frederick Valentich and the Cessna airplane he was flying over Bass Strait near Melbourne on Oct. 21, 1978. Norman said he interviewed 15 witnesses who had seen a green light over the strait at about the same time Valentich radioed that he was being followed by a UFO shining a green light.

Norman read the transcript of Valentich's frantic radio broadcasts as he was being tailed by the UFO. "It's a long chase. It has such speed!

Valentich's last communication was, "It's hovering on top of me again. It's hovering and it's not an aircraft." Then what was described as a "metallic sound" came over the radio and Valentich was never heard from again. No debris from the plane was ever recovered.

Norman said the final transmission could not have been the result of a crash into the sea because the curvature of the earth would have blocked the signal to the air traffic tower. He also refuted official attempts to "debunk" the incident, such as that Valentich became disoriented and was flying upside down or that he had family problems and committed suicide.

Norman said the kind of plane Valentich was flying has a gravity feed from the tank to the engine and cannot possibly fly upside down for more than a minute. Norman said he was in close contact with Valentich's family who said they were a tight-knit family and denied that he could have been drunk or committed suicide.

Pete Mazzola, international director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, presented a slide show of sightings that he has investigated, including the eerie "Indian Lake Incident" in which two hunters were chased by a cigar-shaped UFO and later, under hypnosis, recalled that they were abducted by alien beings.

Another unusual case SBI is studying is the discovery of gold-colored wires found scattered near sites of cattle mutilations. A preliminary analysis found that the fine wires, imprinted with tiny triangular marks, are pure aluminum, although how aluminum could be gold-colored is a mystery. SBI is searching for funds to finance a more extensive chemical analysis of the wires.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, considered one of the most well-known experts in the UFOlogy field, spoke on "How to prepare for the next flap." He urged that UFO groups prepare to take advantage of the next UFO case of high visibility or the next wave of UFO sightings with a view towards getting their point of view across to the media.

Psychic-UFO connection

Dr. George and Iris Owen of Canada, drawing on their wide experience in parapsychological research in England, said they discovered that many people they interviewed who had poltergeist experiences also saw many UFOs. Dr. Owen is an authority on poltergeist phenomena and author of the book, "Can Poltergeists Be Explained?"

The pair urged UFOlogists to adopt the interviewing techniques of psychic researchers when investigating cases in order to find out if some UFO reports have psychic overtones. They also showed photographs of "spirit photography" in which blobs of light appear on camera film without any physical source. They theorized that the phenomena of apparent UFO-type lights appearing in photographs may be the result of spirit photography.

Michael A. Persinger, Ph.D., a Canadian neurological expert, presented evidence to support his theory that many "nocturnal lights" are caused by an "ionized cloud" of air formed when electrical charges generated by tectonic strains beneath the earth are released into the atmosphere. This could also be the cause of "close encounter" stories, he said, because if a person were to come into contact with these electrical fields, it could cause paralysis and stimulate certain parts of the brain to create

as a close encounter or abduction by a UFO.

Dr. Persinger also presented statistical data indicating that UFO "flaps" are often related to periods of earthquake activity. He said that light phenomena have recently been recognized as part of earthquakes^{by} seismologists throughout the world.

In addition to the speakers, several films, workshops and a literature display were made available to the participants. A speakers panel was also formed to take questions from the audience. The symposium generated a number of stories in the Toronto press and television.

BOOK REVIEWBY MARK E. SAWYERS

"UFOs - AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS" by Cynthia Hind, is a very enlightening & fascinating book about some of the most interesting UFO cases recorded in Africa.

Reports of UFO sightings reaching the rest of the world from the 'Dark Continent', have been rare in the past - indeed, Africa often seems to have been largely ignored in the world of UFOlogy. Cynthia's book shows, however, that Africa, like most other areas of the globe, has its fair share of varied UFO activity.

The book is well written and very easy to read - the absence of scientific jargon is a welcome change from so many other books on the UFO phenomenon. At the same time, though, there is no sacrifice of detail, and the book is thoroughly referenced, with an appendix each to fifteen of the nineteen chapters.

One very important aspect of the book is that Cynthia, based in Zimbabwe, is the MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) Co-ordinator for Africa, and has personally investigated most of the cases in the book. The facts, by and large, are therefore presented firsthand, as they were discovered by the author.

Cynthia approaches each case with an open mind, and refrains from jumping to conclusions, allowing the reader to be the judge. This is particularly evident in the chapter entitled 'Edwin's Story', in which an account is given of a South African man named Edwin, who claims to be receiving radio messages from an advanced civilization in Outer Space. The controversy over this case still rages in Africa & although many people have cried 'Hoax', none has yet been able to prove it.

One of the most outstanding cases in the book, is that of a young Zimbabwean couple who were driving to Durban (South Africa) one night, when a UFO appeared over the car, and literally took control of the car, accelerating to incredible and terrifying speeds. Many strange things happened to them, including the fact that both their watches were an hour slow, and the car had used unbelievably little fuel for the trip. During regressive hypnosis, the man revealed an incredible encounter with an alien being, who was projected into the back seat of the car. This story has remarkable similarities to other CE3K reports from around the world, and is of great significance. "UFOs - AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS" is an excellent book, and is a must for anyone seriously interested in UFOs - I highly recommend it.

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Some Steps to Take
to Obtain More Reliable
Eye Witness UFO Drawings. 1.

by

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Introduction

I have worked as a research scientist for over twenty years in the area of human vision, perception, lighting, physiological optics, environmental stress effects, and related areas. My active interest in UFO phenomena have spanned over half this period. The two areas overlap a good deal. It is my opinion that serious field investigators have yet to take full advantage of the most common "recording instrument" at our disposal, viz. the often unsuspecting, untrained, and emotion laden eye witness. Even while acknowledging the numerous difficulties encountered in trying to obtain reliable UFO-related details from eye witnesses, I also firmly believe we must strive to improve our techniques. This is the primary goal of this brief paper.

Here I wish to share a few steps that one should follow to obtain more valid and reliable hand drawings of what was perceived. Interested readers also may wish to refer to other more detailed references (Haines, 1976; 1978; 1979; 1980(a); and 1980(b)).

Unfortunately, space does not permit anything more than brief comment on each of these steps. Hopefully, they will be self-explanatory.

1. Obtain two or more relative angular size objects in the drawing.....

Always try to get the eye witness to include in his or her drawing a telephone pole, house, automobile, etc. (if such was visible within their field of view) for later use in reconstructing angles, sighting location, and other important facts. Of course this is not always possible.

2. Obtain as much labelled detail information on the drawing as possible....

In particular include arrows pointing gravitationally upward and along any compass direction (relative to the object or phenomenon). If some protrusion(s) were seen on the object they should be carefully reproduced and labelled.

3. Always have the witness print his or her name and then sign their name directly on the drawing....

Several psychological studies have shown that professional artists will change details of an original drawing; some details may be quite important and should not be changed.

4. Always have the witness (or field investigator) date the drawing.....

Many UFO drawings are made long after the original sighting. Generally, the longer is this period between the original event and the graphic reproduction the poorer will the reproduction represent the original stimulus.

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5. Always ask the witness to draw a square, circle, and equilateral triangle on a separate piece of paper....
As discussed in detail elsewhere (Haines, 1976; Haines 1980(b); these "control" shapes may be helpful in assessing one's basic eye-hand co-ordination, directional biases in drawing, and other "Gestalt"-related psychological factors such as closure and "goodness of figure".
6. Use of colored pencils or crayons are very helpful when some particular colors were perceived....
Of course we do not perceive a color the same as someone else does. Use of a measureable colored line/surface in one's drawing(s) makes it possible to more objectively quantify the color(s) perceived. Of course exact color and luminance matching will call for other specialized equipment. The experienced field investigator will take with him or her a set of colored paint "chips" from a paint store for use with eye witnesses. Better yet are sets of colored "gelatins" or optical filters through which a flashlight may be shown toward the eye witness. This complex subject of additive and subtractive color is best left to psychology textbooks.
7. Always note directly on the UFO drawing the eye witness's age, sex, handedness, and whether or not they have ever before experienced a UFO...
This information will also be included in the body of the report. Nevertheless, its inclusion in the corner of the original drawing will make this sketch a fairly complete research document in its own right.
8. Whenever possible, use a UFO shape recognition test chart....
Why is this a good idea? First, it permits a more precise categorization that is applicable to (later) computer cataloging. Second, people recognize (from visual memory) already existing outline shapes far better than they reproduce the shape from scratch. Third, this approach may help us discover the true nature of the phenomenon. For if a fixed relationship exists between the shape and/or associated details of the UFO phenomenon and its function or "true" identity, a systematic method for categorizing such information (taxonomy) will help uncover it. One such shape recognition test chart is found in Haines (1976) and another in Shepard (1968).
9. For clear night sightings try to include some recognizable constellation or star pattern....
Of course such patterns are useful not only in deducing position in the sky but also in establishing approximate angular rate of motion (if the object moved). This step may well call for going with the eye witness to the same observation site to help reconstruct these important details.

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E.M. from Strathmore, Vic, asks "Could there be a planet we cannot see through the day that is closer than we imagine and could this be where UFOs come from?

Do scientists have any probes out on any planets we cannot see with the naked eye?"

Answer : Unfortunately, there is very little information to be obtained on this subject; however the following condensed article is from 'Newsweek', 28th June, 1982.

"The laws of celestial mechanics are so well established that when planets seem to violate them, astronomers tend to question what they see, rather than what they believe. When scientists noticed that Uranus wasn't following its orbit they blamed it on an as yet unseen planet and Neptune was discovered in 1846. Now astronomers are wondering about quirks in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune.

This odd behaviour suggests that the sun has an unseen companion, a dark star gravitationally bound to it but billions of miles away. Pluto was at first blamed for the abnormalities but it has been discovered that Pluto was far less massive than it had been thought. The next best bet is a dark star orbiting at least 50 million miles beyond Pluto, which is 3.6 billion miles from the sun. It is either a brown dwarf, a lightweight star that hasn't ignited, or else a neutron star, a normal sun that has burned out and collapsed.

Another likely cause is a tenth planet 4 to 7 billion miles beyond Neptune. This is less likely as it would have to be at least the size of Uranus and should have been observed by now.

To resolve the question N.A.S.A. is counting on Pioneers 10 and 11 - the probes that are floating through the solar system on opposite sides of the sun. If one undergoes a sudden tug that would suggest the existence of a nearby tenth planet that would affect only the Pioneer closest to it. If both change course the case for a distant and powerful dark star would get a boost.

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" BEOLAH MYSTERY CIRCLES "

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On the 8th of December 1981, a farmer, while he was harvesting his WHEAT FIELD, noticed something unusual up ahead. As he cut closer to the area he saw to his complete surprise 4 perfect circles, with very straight walls cut into the wheat growth.

The location was 7.4 miles out of BEOLAH in N-W VICTORIA, the fields number was No50 and the area at the time was DRY, very flat with no rivers and very little tree growth.

The most remarkable thing about this story is that the locals who have lived in this area all their lives and had done the same work in the fields their fathers had started had not until that day seen ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE. Next day was to prove this true as just on 90% of the town came out to have a look at the MYSTERY CIRCLES. Because of the unusual nature of the circles the V.U.F.O.R.S. came to investigate the area.

It was totally agreed by all that no animal, fox or sheep had produced the circles, this was also backed up by the lack of foot prints and animal droppings. Also there was no human tracks, foot marks or car tracks to indicate that the area was made by man. It was said that because of the location of the circles, no man could have walked into the area without making a track into the wheat field.

There was no evidence of crushed wheat, but every stem had in fact been bent over under some force, and from the way the stem had been bent it was estimated that the circles came about in the early days of NOVEMBER 81, while the wheat was GREEN and had sap in it.

No UFOs had been seen in the area at that time, but the area had had its fair share of lights in the sky and UFO reports over some time.

When measurements were taken it was found that the 2 large circles were 16 feet in diameter, unusual for both, but to find the 2 small ones were 12 feet in diameter, well, what would be the probability of such accuracy in what some would call a natural event?

SOME FACTS.

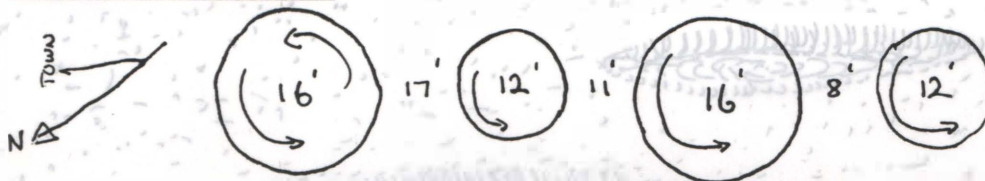
WHEAT... was green when it was bent or forced over. It was also layed down in a ANTI-CLOCK wise direction. IT was also WOVEN in a pattern layout.

The height of the wheat at cutting was 3.4 feet high.

The wheat was not crushed.

SOIL ANALYSIS... nothing unusual was found.

CIRCLE GROUND LAYOUT.



BENDING PATTERN.



